

Hillside Public Library Patron Code of Conduct

The Hillside Public Library encourages the use of its facilities for reading, study, research, and the legitimate use of the Library's resources and services.

Staff will intercede in the presence of any misconduct or inappropriate behavior that hinders others from the full use of the library and its services.

Several examples are:

- Loud talking or prolonged conversations
- Rowdiness or noise
- Abusive or offensive conduct or language
- Loitering or just 'hanging out'
- Inappropriate use of library furnishings or equipment

The Library pledges to provide an atmosphere conducive to delivering library services to its patrons.

- Proper attire in the library will include shoes and shirts.
- Only animals licensed as aides for those who are disabled are allowed in the library.
- Only the lobby is available for cell phone use.
- Patrons whose bodily hygiene constitutes a nuisance to others will be required to leave the library and remedy the problem before returning to the library.

To further the goals of the Library, patrons are asked to conduct themselves in an orderly and considerate manner.

- No more than 4 people are allowed around each table.
- The computer workstations allow room for up to two people at each monitor.
- The library staff reserves the right to inspect personal property such as bags, briefcases, etc. for library materials.
- The Meeting Rooms may be available for group study projects with signed parental permission and supervision. The Meeting Room Policy and applications are available at the circulation desk.

Any behavior that disrupts the orderly use of the Library is prohibited.

- The entrances to the library must be clear of sports equipment and any wheeled vehicle.
- Gathering for social reasons or game playing disrupts the services of the library.
- Eating is not allowed within the library facility. Covered beverages are permitted, except in and around computer areas.
- Parents must be present and directly supervise the library usage of all children less than 8 years of age. If a child of this age is attending a library program, the parent or responsible adult **MUST** remain within the library facility for the comfort and safety of the child.
- Theft or vandalism of library property will be prosecuted, as will any violation of federal, state or local ordinances on library property.

Illinois law authorizes the Board: "To exclude from use of the library any person who willfully violates an ordinance or regulation prescribed by the board." [75 ILCS 5/4-7]

Code of Ordinances, Village of Hillside, covers areas of the above policy under Chapter 25:
Misdemeanors and Miscellaneous Offenses and includes a Penalty section under 25.033

Approved by the Board of Trustees
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